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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claims 3-8 and 10-13 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 5 of the Action that claims 5, 6 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 5, 6 and 11, have each been rewritten into independent form. As such, it is submitted that claims 5, 6 and 11 are now allowable.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of the case, the Examiner sets forth in the following rejections:

- 1) claims 1-4, 7-9, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Meersseman (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,477); and
- 2) claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meersseman in view of Klopfenstein (U.S. Patent No. 6,985,190).

Each of these rejections is traversed.

Independent Claim 3:

Claim 3 calls for in a case where network IDs which are on the same physical channel and differ from one another in the current contents of the registration are detected by the channel search, the channel information for each of the network IDs is presented, and either one of the channel information is registered on the basis of a user's instruction.

For example, as discussed on page 16 of the present specification, in the channel search confirmation/registration screen shown in Fig. 3, information “channel number 14, ○○ broadcasting station, New York …” is displayed on the first line, which shows a case where there are results of last scanning and there are no results of current scanning. Further, information “channel number 14, ○○ broadcasting station, Boston …” is displayed on the second line, which shows a case where there are no results of last scanning and there are results of current scanning. This supposes a case where broadcasting in a ○○ broadcasting station from New York can be received on Channel 14 last time, while the broadcasting cannot be received and broadcasting in a ○○ broadcasting station from Boston can be received on Channel 14 this time. In such a case, the answer is in the affirmative in the step S5, is in the negative in the step S15, and is in the negative in the step S16 in the processing on Channel 14 in Fig. 4, so that two channels 14 are respectively displayed on the first line and the second line.

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In contrast, Meersseman does not disclose or fairly suggest the features of claim 3 concerning *in a case where network IDs which are on the same physical channel and differ from one another in the current contents of the registration are detected by the channel search, the channel information for each of the network IDs is presented, and either one of the channel information is registered on the basis of a user's instruction.*

Independent Claim 12:

Claim 12 calls for wherein *the registered channel information is erased when a code indicating the area where the receiver is installed is set again.*

With regard to claim 12, we note that Meersseman discloses in col. 3, lines 40-45:

Preferable, a suggestion of deleting a transmitter station from the channel memory 8 is only displayed if the micro-processor 7 establishes the absence of the station in two or more successive scans in order to prevent deleting a station due to a temporary station disturbance.

However, it is submitted that such teachings fail to constitute the features of claim 12 concerning *the registered channel information is erased when a code indicating the area where the receiver is installed is set again.* In other words, while Meersseman may disclose deleting a transmitting station from the memory, Meersseman is simply not concerned with erasing registered channel information when a code indicating the area where the receiver is installed is set again.

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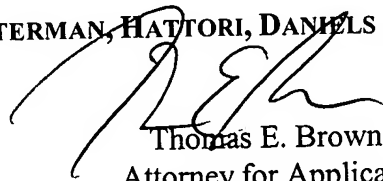
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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